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From the editor

With this issue of OBR, I'm going back to our regular bimonthly date. As you can see we are still about an issue and a half behind schedule, but we are closing the gap and should be caught up soon.

To finish getting caught up I need *your* help... If you have been thinking of sending in an article, photo, or even a classified ad, NOW is the time to do it!

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Dave Easterwood, Editor

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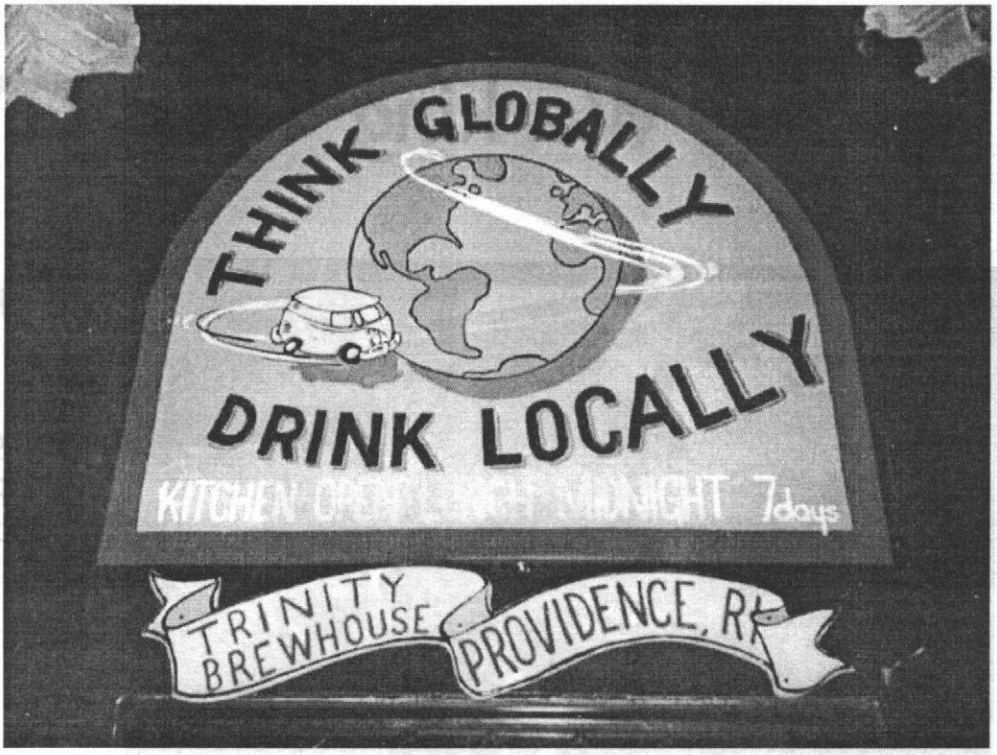
Working Type II's!

The back wheels tucked in and rear bumper almost dragging the ground look is pretty popular with Florida's Das Kool Bullis, but when new chapter representative Kris Heinicka decided to lower his 1959 Euro Single Cab for the weekend, he did it the old fashioned way - with a couple thousand pounds of building materials!

Trinity Brewhouse

Providence, Rhode Island

By Neil Pickett



I was in Providence Rhode Island for my brothers wedding. It was a cold day, January 1, 1999. My brothers, cousins, significant others and I were looking for a good place for a cold beer.

We stumbled upon a place called Trinity Brewhouse, somewhere downtown. I suggested we go in, specifically because their sign had a picture of a split bus circling the globe.

Once inside, we found our seats in the dimly lit brew house. There were 14 of us, so I guess we overwhelmed the waitress. Actually, it took some time before she actually acknowleged the crowd, like fifteen minutes. We ordered, and I must say the beer was very tasty.

After my first beer, I retired to the restroom. On my way, I spotted another bus reference, this time it was the rear end of a late bubble window. The bus section served as a television stand, neat idea.

I do not think the wait staff was expecting a review that night, but, I must say the service was slow. The brew house was not that busy, and it seemed like they did not want to serve a large group.

I had a portabella mushroom burger, and it was delicious. All other food and beverage that was ordered was given the thumbs up. If you are in Providence, I suggest you go and try a beer, they were all very good. I am pretty sure they were all brewed on the premises.

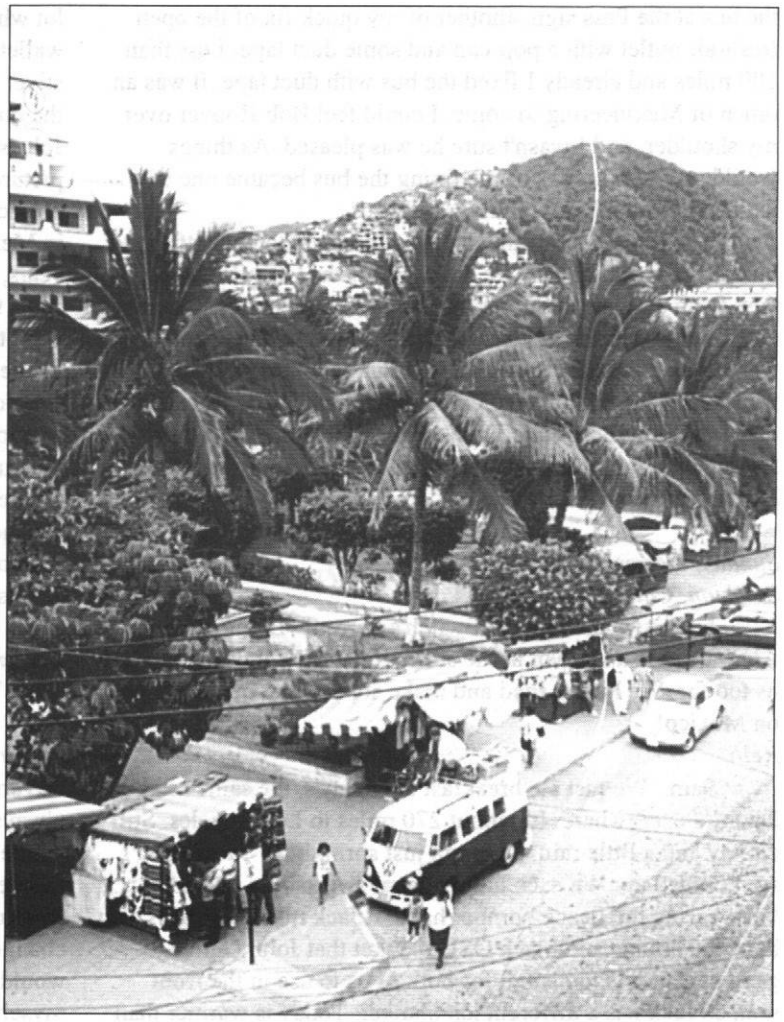
If anyone knows anything about the bus references, I would be interested in hearing about them. I go to Rhode Island every so often to visit my grandparents.

Until then, I will be on the look out for more interesting micro brews in my micro bus.

Neil Pickett can be found driving around Asheville, North Carolina in his 1966 Hardtop Deluxe looking for VW parts and accessories for his 1958 Hardtop Deluxe, which is currently under a massive restoration effort.

8013 miles through Mexico in a 1965 Kombi

by Jack Maynard



Dec 19, 1998
Corvallis, Oregon, Saturday, Odometer 19,925

We were blessed with cold, clear weather for packing up the house and loading the bus. My work at the VW shop had ended on the 15th, and I was hot to hit the road. We spent four days cleaning the apartment for the subleter, packing all of our personal belongings into boxes. After all that was packed solidly into the shell of a '67 Westy in my storage shop, and everything we were taking was packed nearly as tight in "Eugene", the green and white '65 kombi-camper in which we would make the trip, we set off toward the south, and, we hoped, warm weather.

Shane Budd and his faithful co-pilot Boomer stopped by in their root-beer brown and gold '64 deluxe to wish us well on our journey. Spirits were incredibly high as we rolled out onto the main highway out of town, our bus running great and feeling incredibly tight, our stuff shifting ever so slightly to find its proper place, roof racks whistling and bungies humming, even the horn seemed to play a slightly elevated tune as we saluted fellow bus driver Jason Eshelby in his brand new '66 kombi. Kelli was behind me in our old beater Chrysler which we were dropping off at her father's house in Southern Oregon, and I could see her in the rear-view, smiling as big as I was, happy to finally be off.

Canyonville, Oregon, Odometer 20,061

The wind came out of my sails suddenly on a moderate grade on Interstate 5, when without warning the engine quit. I was a bit scared by such a complete failure so early in the trip, but my fears turned to embarrassment when I checked the fuel gauge. Kelli pulled off behind me in the Chrysler, and sniggered ever so slightly when I told her the problem. She didn't need to point out that this spot was within a quarter of a mile from where I ran out of gas many years before when we had just bought the bus. And that time I had the lack of a gas gauge to blame. I climbed up onto the rear roof rack and unbungied the very same small red plastic gas can that we had purchased that last time, and Kelli Jo headed to Texaco. I sat and shivered and dreamed of Mexico and white sand beaches.

When she had returned we both proceeded to the Canyonville Texaco, where I filled up the bus and the small red can. When I picked up the can, to my horror, I heard something inside shaking , like a bunch of nuts and bolts or rust scales. But this was a plastic can… what the heck? I emptied it onto the asphalt, and saw it was only ice. The can must have collected condensation while empty on the rack for so many months, then froze on the cold drive that morning. Since it had only been a few minutes between the time Kelli put in the relatively warm gasoline and I emptied it in the tank, if I was lucky most of the water stayed frozen. It wasn't until the again empty can sat inside the car (I know, I know, but I was too damn cold to get up on that rack again) that it thawed enough to be audible slush. I rinsed it out into the Texaco's used-oil collection barrel, and filled it with good gas and re-bungied it on the rack. As it turned out, I wouldn't have a fuel problem for nearly 6500 miles, so I guess very little water did get into the system.

Canyonville, Oregon Odometer 20071

You would think that we could make it a few more miles until the next mishap, but climbing up Canyon Creek Pass, elevation 2020 feet, I heard a distinctive "poof" and then a hissing sound from the right side of the engine compartment. I kept an eye on my temp gauge and kept my right foot well into the climb, and pulled over as soon as I had a level chance. I felt slightly redeemed (after the fuel gauge awareness problem) that I was able to diagnose this one by ear. A fresh air heater hose had come off and shredded in the fan belt. That was the noise I heard, air pushing out into the engine compartment instead of through the heater boxes and into the cabin. Had the temp gauge gone up at all, I would have pulled over level ground or not, assuming that the fan belt had gone with the tube. But the belt was fine, only the paper tube was a total loss. Kelli jumped out and snapped a couple pictures, one of me and

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the bus at the Pass sign, another of my quick fix of the open fresh-air outlet with a pop-can and some duct tape. Less than 100 miles and already I fixed the bus with duct tape. It was an omen of Mexineering to come. I could feel Bob Hoover over my shoulder, and I wasn't sure he was pleased. As things would turn out, scenes of me fixing the bus became one of Kelli's favorite photographic subjects.

The remainder of the day was somewhat uneventful, the bus puttered along well, we dropped off the Chrysler, got a new fresh air hose at Sully's on L and 4th in Grant's Pass, Ore., and a larger gas can at Napa. The highlights of the evening were the fruit check-point in California (another foreshadowing of things to come) and chicken fried steak dinner at Pantyhose Junction north of Stockton, Cal. After fueling up again, we slept in the bus in the parking lot of an Exxon station.

Sunday, December 20, 1998
Stockton, Cal. Odo.20473

6:45 AM and cold as a witch's norton! "Blame it on Alaska," says a woman in the store. I just hope it doesn't follow us too far. We hit the road and make some more miles. Come on Mexico!

Kelli:

9am. We just ate breakfast at Denny's, the same as all Denny's everywhere. It's about 270 miles to Los Angeles. Still cloudy and a little rain, although just sprinkling. Jackie and I are bundled up. We each have several sweatshirts on and hats. I'm wearing the fleece bomber hat that Jack made for me. I also have the orange and black OSU blanket that John Gulledge gave us, but it is too small for both of us to use in the front seat, so Jack has a different lap blanket. Today is warmer than yesterday. My feet aren't ice-blocks today.

9:30 am. Stopped at a rest area to brush our teeth. Jack repositioned the wide clamps between the heater box and exhaust. There were gaps letting dirty air into the heat system so that we were breathing fumes up front when we had the heater on.

10:35 am. Coalinga, Cal. We just passed a very stinky and huge feedlot. There is so much trash on the ground here. Jackie and I are practicing our Spanish verb tenses.

1pm. Mountain Base, Cal. Stopped for a sandwich at a Subway sandwich place a couple miles back, but they only had chevron gas, which Jack refuses to use. So we are gassing up here. I can tell we are in Southern California by the drivers. We are just about to cross the mountains to L.A.

1:35 pm. Odo.20752. Tejon Pass, 4144 feet. Partly cloudy.

San Clemente, Cal. Odo. 20880

We arrived at the house of an old college buddy, Johnny Cornell, at about 4:20. John was expecting us anytime between 3 and 6, and we happened to catch him jogging near his house as we arrived. John is a Dana Point lifeguard and teaches history and art at a local middle school. He had a 1967 deluxe when we lived together in college at the U of Oregon. This bus, as well as the memory of my parent's buses were the main reasons I have developed the vw sickness. John told me once that he found his bus at the bottom of the ocean. He traveled a lot when he was younger, and in Bali while diving he found a wallet in a coral reef. In the wallet were several hundred-dollar silver certificates, which he later sold for enough scratch to buy the bus. It is a story that I would not believe from anyone else. John's wife Heather, a former professional surfer, was making picture frames from beach glass when we arrived, and this project would later lead Kelli to a veritable beach glass frenzy in Mexico. John has been going to northern Baja for many years, and he sat down with a map and showed us some good spots to camp, and some good spots to avoid. That evening we went to dinner at the house of Johnny's parents, Jack and Judy Cornell. The Cornell's as well as their visiting friends, Charlotte and Alex Masarik, had all traveled extensively in Mexico, and shared many wonderful stories of the country with us. It was a fabulous evening, but we were dead tired. That evening we were invited to a bed in the spare room, but we had spent so much time outfitting the bus to be comfortable, that we camped just down the street at the first level spot.

December 21, 1998

The day was spent doing errands and maintaining the bus. I greased the front end, as it had begun a small but annoying squeak over large bumps. The top link pin on the drivers side doesn't hold grease as well as the rest, and it always needs grease first. Being in California and having no where to dump used oil, I had a reputable shop in San Clemente change the oil. They were very nice, and their work was good, but they were very overpriced for an air-cooled oil change. This would be the only bit of "professional" work I would have done the entire trip. And I should have done this myself also.

Kelli, John and I hit the local sporting goods stores and picked up a wet suit and some flippers, a fishing pole and some boogie boards. Heather sold us a very nice wet suit for Kelli for about 1/4 of what it was worth. Later, John took us to the marina and we sailed on his small wooden sailboat, The Morning Wood. John is an accomplished sailor, and tried to show us exactly what it was he was doing, but Kelli and I are land lubbers and were satisfied just to be out on the ocean and taking in the fresh, albeit cold, air. Kelli commented that it was a good way to spend the winter solstice.

Dinner with Johnny and Heather at Denny's. Its not that we like Denny's all that much, it is just easy and we were all tired. That and their chicken fried steak!

December 22, 1998
Leaving San Clemente, Cal. Odo.20916

After a couple more quick errands, including a stop at Ralph's grocery for a bottle of good scotch, we set off to the border. In San Ysidro, the US city at the border, we got ice, pesos, and lunch before crossing the border at 2:35. The interstate just before the border is a strange place. Almost all traffic up to that point exits at the last US exit, and nearly all traffic going on through the border enters at that same last exit. The cars show more and more Mexican license plates, there are signs showing illegal alien crossing, and there are warnings about bringing guns into Mexico. The highway has good sized fences on both sides and is very straight and flat. Soon you

come to a large building at the end of the highway, with Mexico in big green, white and red letters. About six lanes of traffic merge right under this building into one lane of traffic on a very different looking road, and you are in Mexico. Tijuana. Signs in Spanish, traffic doing unexpected things, unmarked roads and off-ramps. Sudden steep rises and bumps, and people everywhere.

We had some good directions on how to get onto the highway we wanted, but we were so startled at the lack of formalities at the border, and how quickly we were in Tijuana, that we missed our turn. After pulling over and discussing our options, we doubled back and nearly got lost again. Just when we were ready to actually go back to the US and try again at coming into Mexico and being ready for our turn, we miraculously got steered onto the right road, and the signs appeared telling us we were headed for Ensenada on the autopist cuota.

Kelli:
12/22 Salsipuedes, Baja California, Mexico, Odo. 21077

Johnny Cornell told us about the campground a Salsipuedes. It is just a rancho, and the camping area down a steep rocky rough dirt road. $6.00 US buys a picnic table, small covered awning (~4x6 feet) and flushing toilets (no TP) and a very cold shower. We camped near the cliff. Great view. Lots of stars and a waxing crescent moon. Waves rolling the rocks in the surf.

Jackie tried fishing, but we had gotten there a couple minutes before sunset. A '77 VW bus with 4 wanna-be surfer boys camped back in the olive tree grove. We ate hot chocolate, graham crackers and prunes for dinner, and Jack had some scotch.

Beautiful in the morning. Washed my hair in a bucket. Showered in cold water. Left 11am.

Wednesday December 23, 1998
Ensenada, BC, Mex. Odo. 21097

12:50 pm. We just ate fish tacos with salsa y limones near the wharf and tourist info office. Very good! Haven't found guyaberas for Jack yet. We also went to the Migracion office and got our tourist cards stamped. Nice people at the taco stand. It was fun. Jack says, "La Senora estaba jefe!"

Didn't find a good guyabera, we're headed south.

Jack:
San Jacinto, BC, Mex

Started getting dark and we decided to camp at San Jacinto Point, between Colonet and Camalu. Long, bad road from hwy. Mex 1, big ship wrecked out in ocean. Paid $5 to cowboy looking guy.

Kelli:

No picnic table or anything but a 1/2 outhouse (no door, just faces ocean)

Jack:

Met very nice people at camp, Korean Americans, one from Australia, one from D.C., one and her husband from Joshua Tree, California. All these folks and their little daughter riding in a '73 Buick in camouflage paint. Goofy but very nice.

We ate onion, chorizo, tortilla, cheese, avocado frying-pan-casserole with lime juice. Yum yum!

Kelli:

But first we washed all the produce with water and an iodine tablet. Need to buy bleach tomorrow. It is still quite cold at night. Today at mid-day we wore shirt sleeves.

Jack and I got rather tense toward sunset when we still hadn't found a camping spot. I wanted to head to "Cuatro Casas" as suggested by Johnny Cornell, but Jack didn't like the look of the turnoff. We arrived here just after the sun had set. It is not worth $5. We didn't see anyone when we first drove in. I would have bargained it down. We thought we wouldn't have to pay, but after we had set up camp, and old guy came by and asked for the money. Not much we could do. It is flat at least.

After gas, water and groceries in El Rosario, where the road heads into the central part of Baja from the Pacific, we again met up with the family we had met at San Jacinto. It was at a restaurant called Mama Espinosa's, trumpeted by a couple of our guide books as being one of the best on the peninsula. We all agreed that it was okay, but nothing great, and quite overpriced. Kelli and I spent nearly $12 US on lunch, an amount which later in the trip we would make to stretch two or three much better meals. We did get a couple good pictures of our new friends and their beast of a Buick.

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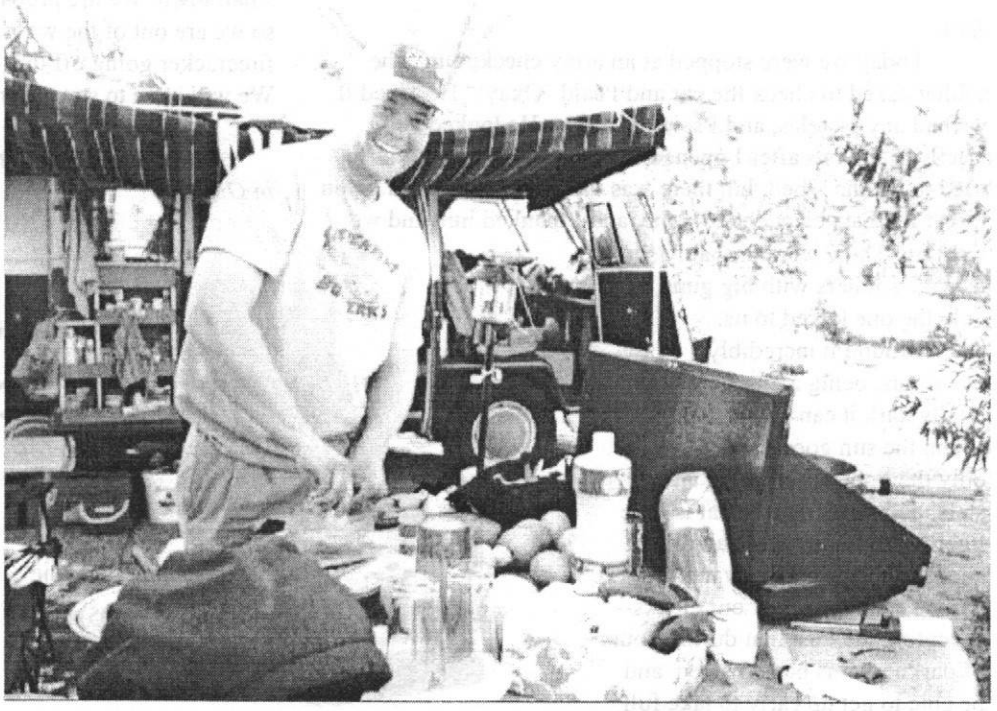


I also had my first experience with the Polaroid and the locals. Several small Indian girls were selling chiclets and similar junk out by the bus, taking advantage of its shade. I asked if I could take their picture and they were delighted. Doubly so when I offered the picture to them to keep. They were amazed, and almost instantly began fighting amongst themselves for the picture. I told them I would take a couple more to ease the fighting, and then realized that there were maybe six or seven more little girls and their mother all wanting pictures. I grouped them as well as possible and took at least 4 more shots, and made a show of the camera being out of film, which got me off the hook. But I was determined to learn this phrase in Spanish: "I can only take one picture, and then you all have to share it."

Kelli:
Thursday, December 24, 1998
Catavina Boulder Field, BajaCalifornia, Mexico

5:30 pm. Dark. We're camping here in the midst of large granite outcrops on a sideroad. We can hear the highway, but we cannot see it, and we believe we can't be seen. Anyway, it is Christmas Eve, so we don't think anyone will bother us. Jackie is opening John Gulledge's gift right now. We have been in suspense for days now. Jack says, "That Turkey! Beer Glasses. Just what we wanted to haul through Mexico." Two glasses with a screen print of a split-window bus saying "Mass Transit Ale." Jack likes them.

We got here at 3:45. Plenty of time to set up camp. There is lots of vegetation. Cacti (at least 5 types) and other species. There are cardon, like Saguaro cactus, and Cirio, which are distinctly Baja.

It is so neat here. It is great to climb up on rocks and look toward the mountains in the distance. Tonight we are just going to eat a small snacky dinner without cooking. We are also going to sort books and stuff. A quiet evening in the bus with the Coleman lantern going. Besides, it is cold and windy outside.

Jack:

Today we were stopped at an army checkpoint. The soldier asked to check the car and I said "Okay!" He asked if we had any pistoles, and I said no, never. He looked very briefly in the bus after I opened the cargo doors for him. He tried to lift the z-bed, but there was too much stuff piled up on top of it. "Esta bien," he told me, and I thanked him and we went on. There were probably six teenage soldiers with big guns, but only the one talked to us.

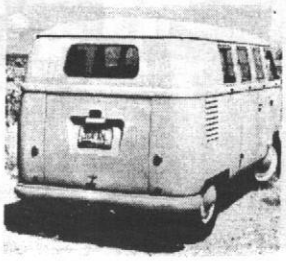
I found it incredibly wondrous, being a city boy, how totally dark it can get in Baja. When the sun goes down there is only the light of the moon and stars, and many nights that is little light indeed. This particular night we had retired relatively early, having started to shift our clocks--accepting the idea that during hours of darkness it is best to sleep, and be able to get up early to take full advantage of the light. Cozied up in bed we would read for a while, being careful not to run our single battery dead, and if possible, our reading material would be about the place where we found ourselves. I had been reading aloud from a chapter of "RV Camping in Mexico" that described Catavina and gave a brief history of the boulderfield and the surrounding area. Outside the bus the wind was rattling our gear and rocking the bus somewhat, and for a while a loose bungie cord flopped about on the roof. I should have stopped reading when I came to the last sentence in that section, but I listened along with Kelli as my voice sounded out the fatal words, "Do not pull off and camp on a side road in the Catavina Boulderfields. There are bandits in the area, and they may give you some trouble."

"Well, I wish you hadn't read that," Kelli told me. "Me too," was all I could think to respond. We discussed the possibility of being robbed on Christmas Eve in a very Catholic country, acknowledged that the continuing noises from the wind and our gear should not scare us; were a Mexican to come to rob us, they would not sneak up, but drive their pick-up, high-beams blasting, right into the camp sight to announce their presence. But it was no comfort, and the wind did seem to gain a menacing quality, no longer just providing a backdrop to our adventure, but now testing us to see if we would flinch.

Kelli's Log:
Catavina, BC, Mexico, 12/24/98

8:15 pm. Well, we're scaredy-cats. Jack read in one of our books tonight that one shouldn't camp in the boulder field because of reports of robberies. It scared us. Suddenly we were noticing every noise. The wind was blowing stuff. We kept expecting to see headlights. So we were huddled in bed at 7:30pm, not daring to read for fear the light would attract someone… when we decided to pack up as quickly and head to the town of Catavina about 8km away. So we are at an unattended abandoned government RV park. Catavina is a very small town. We are probably 300 meters from the nearest light so we are out of the way. We can hear an occasional firecracker going off too. Everything was just tossed in the bus. We will have to straighten up in the morning.

Stay tuned for more oj Jack & Kelli's Mexican adventure in OBR #67!



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Chapter News

Split Bus Club Annual Spring Campout

30 Splits met at Lawson's Landing campground on March 12th for our annual Spring campout at the beach. Lawson's is located in the tiny town of Dillon Beach, just about an hour north of San Francisco. It's the perfect place for a large gathering. You can camp anywhere you want on the grass, never mind the cowpies! Speaking of cows, we always have one or two walk right into the campsite. It seems that some of them have found that a bus cargo door handle makes a good back scratcher.

Those of you who are familiar with the Northwest coast know that the fog usually creeps in at night (that is if it ever left during the day!) and a fine mist makes everything wet around the campfire. That did not happen this weekend. We awoke to the sun in the morning and looked up at the stars at night.

During the day we held a raffle with prizes donated by members and Wolfgang International of Redding. A wiffle ball game was played and the kids slid down the sand dunes. The most fun by far was checking out all the different Type 2s and talking to all the new and old friends as they arrived. Our Pres., Gary even drove his single cab!

Most everyone made it to the camp without incident except for Dan and Margaret of Suisan. Their throttle cable broke on the way over and the only thing they could find to fix it was a barbed wire fence. Some farmer is going to have a heck of a time figuring out where that missing piece of wire went! Thanks to Jethro's never ending supply of parts, Dan was able to install a new cable for the ride home.

We made a big impression with non-VW campers at the park also. Many of them commented on how they had never seen so many buses in one place. One lady went as far as to pull out her video camera as she drove by the campsite.

Thanks to all the Stockton boys for coming out, and Bob and Mona from V.T.O. all the way from So. Cal. Maggie, our Labrador Retriever camp-host didn't miss a free handout from everyone she greeted. And Waterman, our camp fashion leader started a new trend: shorts and hightop black rain boots. Everyone will be wearing them next year!

As Sunday morning came around, the clouds rolled in and let loose with a heavy rain. We packed up out gear (faster than I've ever seen it done before) and headed back home knowing that another season of campouts and car shows has just begun.

Janet Thompson, S.B.C. Member

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A couple of diverse Chapter News reports from "Buses by the Dam"...

The first annual Busses by the Dam was held on April 23rd, 24th, and 25th of this year. Despite a week of record rain, the Missouri Micros, SAMBA, and the K.C. Kombis gathered at the Lazy K Campground near Bagnell Dam, at the Lake of the Ozarks for a weekend of fun and comraderie. The rains stopped on Friday and we had cool but dry weather until Sunday when light rain began. There were about 25 busses in attendance from Missouri, Kansas, and Illinois.

This was a perfect time of the year for camping as it was not yet hot and humid, and it was too early for mosquitos and other flying pests. All ages were represented, both in human years and bus years. A walking tour of the dam was made, complete with urban folk tales of the giant, man-eating catfish that live near the bottom of the dam. A trip was made to the "strip" to enjoy the usual tourist attractions. Minaure golf however, took on a different slant with this group and became a dangerous game in the caves.

Back at the campgrounds splitty drivers took on late model drivers in a game of wiffle ball (the game ended in a tie). Each night found a good sized gathering around the bonfire for tales of bus lore that seemed to go on all night. The hard luck award goes to Rick Babor of the Missouri Micros. Rick drove his newly lowered Mango bus down for all to admire and unfortunately got nailed by a chunk of flying road debris which left a nasty dent in his freshly painted front nose skin! Mike and Laurie from B and C Auto (fantastic VW salvage yard near Freeberg Mo) pulled a boat to the campground in their air cooled bus! Everyone agreed that this will now be an annual event! The campground is great and the Lake area is centrally located for the three Missouri chapters. We're looking forward to an even bigger turnout next year as the chronic rain storms the week before this weekend no doubt kept the numbers down.

Pink Newell, Kansas City Kombis

Well the bus trip to Eldon is officially over and I'm home. I started out on Saturday morning early at about 8 o'clock. After a few stops for ice and donuts and film, I was on my way. I decided to take US 70 west to State 54 south. When I began to freeze to death I stopped to hook my heat back up.

Since I am too cheap to use new heater cables, I kept an eye out for somewhere that would supply me with free wire. A stop at Walgreens would supply me with fresh-out-of-the-dumpster bailing wire. There was a homeless man sleeping on a flatened box next to the dumpster, so I kicked him, and let out a nerve shreiking laugh like in some scary movie.

After I got my March 3rd 1960 standard type 23A Volkswagen back onto the interstate, I realized my heat was still not working. This puzzled me, and then the confusion turned to anger and I began to swerve at other motorists with the same nerve shreiking laugh from earlier in the day when I kicked that bum like in that one movie. So I began to look for a good place to shut 'er down.

When I spied an exit up ahead, I decided that would be sufficiant spot to persue the problem. After I came to the conclusion that I could not even fit my skeletal like body under my newly lowered bus, I had to dig out my floor jack from under all my stuff wich really pissed me off and I decided to take a break and stand on the side of the highway and give the finger to every motorist that would look at me and when people in station wagons would pass, I called them sonsabitches.

After 30 minutes or so, I slid my self back under my transporter only to realize that my heaterbox end was not lined up the duct coming off the underside of the floor. A quick fix with some 4 in 1 oil, and some gauze, and I was now fryin all the way to Eldon, where an eighteen wheeled thunder n' chrome machine blew a tire and threw it at the front of my bulli, like a possesed bat from the bowels of hell. It completely wiped out my front clip, one windshield, and broke my front over rider right in two like a twig at a lumberjack competition. I quickly got on the citezens band and said in a nerve shreiking yell, "Hey"!!!!

Once I entered the fairgrounds, I encountered the other Micros and a few other bus unthusiasts like Redish "Pink" Newell from KC, and Curtis, Brian, The Dennis's, Shannon, the old guy from the meeting, the tent guy,and some others. People that werent there were Pete, Dewayne, Billy, Kent, Cletus, and Tom B. Bill Bowman and Tom Needlehoffer showed up at about eleven in the $12000 flood bus.

We played golf, did not eat funnel cakes, walked on the Bagnell dam, did not get tatoos, played wiffel ball, and then I went to bed, and the other people stayed up untill way late (or early).

The next morn it was raining, and we said goodbyes and I left for home. When I left, it was raining like the tears from an indian girl whos brave boyfriend just fell off of a huge waterfall and she actually saw his body bounce off of like fifty rocks and then his head got crushed on a tree stump.

After I got back on US 70 east, it stopped raining and was a smooth ride all the way in to O' Fallon, and home to my family.

I will probably go again next year

Rick Babor, Renaissance Man

Coming Events

Regular Chapter Meetings

Albuquerque, New Mexico: Route 66 Splits invites you to join us at Mannies Restaurant (Central & Girard, right on Route 66), the last Wednesday of each month, 7 PM. Info: (505) 260-4570.

Vallejo, California: The Split Bus Club meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Call for location: (510) 724-0470.

Redlands, California: third Wednesday of the month: Vintage Transporter Owners meets at Giovanni's Pizza, Redlands. 6:30 PM. Info: Johnny Salazar, (909) 389-9477.

San Gabriel, California: 1st Sunday of the month: Box on Wheels meets: Chano's Mexican Food, San Gabriel, California, on Las Tunas Drive. Info: Daniel, (800) 809-4560 (voice mail).

Sacramento, California: 1st Wednesday of the month, Sacramento Samba Society meets at Pescados on Fair Oaks & Fulton, 7 PM. Info: Todd or Dean, (916) 631-3650, after 6 PM.

Tulsa, OK: T-Town Transporters (AKA The Bus Heads) meet the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm, Webers Rootbeer and Hamburgers, at 21st St. and Garnett Rd. Location. Contact Pete at (918) 258-1401 or e-mail VWSottnik@aol.com

Portland, Oregon: Flat Four Transporters meets first Wednesday of the month at Flying Pie Pizza, 7804 SE Stark, Portland. 7:30 PM. Contact Burt Reif, (503) 235-9219.

Dallas, Texas: Lone Star Transporter Assn. meets second Sunday of each month, 3:30 PM, at Cafe Brazil, 2071 N. Central Expressway, at Campbell Rd., in Richardson. Info: (972) 396-9513.

Seattle, Washington: first Wednesday of the month: Cascade Kombis meet at University Burger Master, 3042 NE 45th St., Seattle. 7 PM. Info: Scott Mattson (206) 781-0650.

Phoenix, Arizona: Arizona Bus Club meets every third Wednesday at at Peter Piper Pizza, Metro Center, 7:30 PM. Info: (602) 877-8662, or (602) 867-7672.

Tempe, Arizona: SWATO meets last Sunday of each month: Shoney's Restaurant, 165 W. Baseline Rd (Baseline & I-10). 7 PM. Info: (602) 755-8990.

Clearwater, Florida: Das Kool Bullis meets 1st Tuesday of the month at Mexico Grande in Clearwater. Usually about 7:30. Come out for Type 2 Taco Tuesday. Info: (727) 733-4318

Corvallis, Oregon: VWs of Western Oregon meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at Woodstock's Pizza, 1045 N.W. Kings Avenue, Corvallis. 6:30 PM. Contact Jack Maynard, (541) 754-2579.

St. Louis, MO: The Missouri Micros meet on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 6 pm at The Trailhead Brewing Co., Mainstreet, St. Charles, MO. Contact Rick (314) 488-5256 or missouri_micros@yahoo.com

June

11-13 (Missouri): "4th annual Busses on Rt. 66", Springfield, MO. All VW Bus camping event. Sponsored by S.A.M.B.A., G.R.O.O.V.E., NEATO and LIMBO. For info contact Lance Moeller at (417)889-8813 or Bob Hufford at (417)833-2047 or email bhufford@mail.orion.org

12 (Missouri): "5th Annual June Bug Jamboree", Springfield, MO. Sponsored by the General Registry of Ozarks' Volkswagen Enthusiasts (GROOVE). Over 30 show classes, swap meet, car corral, food & fun for the whole family. For info contact Greg Crane at (417)890-0275 or Jay Myers at (417)886-2557 or Bob Hufford at (417)833-2047 or email bhufford@mail.orion.org. More info at: http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/9338/groove.html

12 (California): "1st Annual O.C.T.O. Show", Anaheim, CA. This year's official VW Classic Weekend Bus Event! Sponsored by the Orange County Transporter Organization. From 7am to 1pm in the parking lot across the street from Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim. All 1967 & earlier buses welcome! For more info call Moe at (714) 848-5955 or Charlie at (714) 892-5293 or visit their website at http://home.earthlink.net/~vwclassic/octo.html

18-20 (Georgia): "PST Summer Campout", Lavonia, GA. Peach State Transporters will have their summer campout at Tugaloo State Park. All VW bus owners, enthusiasts, and their families are invited to attend. For more info, call Beth or Chris at (404) 627-3838.

27 (New Hampshire): "NHVWC Summer Show & Swap Meet", Hopkinton, NH. At the hopkinton Fairgrounds. One of the biggest VW shows in New England. Campinf Saturday night at the Fairgrounds. For info: Paul (603) 796-2138.

July

16-18 (Illinois): "Volkswagen Club of America 1999 Convention", Rockford, IL. Hosted by the Stateline Volksfolks. Car show, road rallye, dinner & much more. Camping & hotel lodging availible. For reservations & directions call (815) 229-3243 or email volkswebn@aol.com

16 (Washington): "The Burger Meet", Seattle, WA. VW cruise in sponsored by Cascade Kombis & Burgermaster. All air-cooled VWs, public car show. 5-9pm. University Burgermaster Drive-In, 3042 NE 45th St. For more info, call Ken Madson (206) 523-6525 or email kenm@thebusco.com

17 (Washington): "18th Annual NW Vintage VW Meet", Seattle, WA. All air-cooled VW car show and swap meet. Trophies, raffle prizes. 9am-3pm. Shoreline Community College, 160th & Greenwood Ave. Sponsored by Cascade Kombis. Contact: Charles "Luke" Lukey at (206) 783-1779 or email luke@seanet.com

18 (Illinois): "Stateline Volksfolks Vintage Picnic #12", Alpine park in Rockford, Illinois. Car show for all VWs, door prizes, trophies and more. For more info call (815) 229-3243 or email volkswebn@aol.com

25 (Connecticut): "Time Machines 99" is approaching! As always, this huge antique auto event will feature the traditional "Volkswagen Only" class for All Air-Cooled, sponsored by Common Gear and the Common Gear Antique Volkswagen Society. Location: Coginchaug High School athletic fields, Main Street (Rt. 17), Durham, Connecticut. Overall event sponsored: Shoreline Antique Auto Club (Region AACA) & Scholarship Awards Program. More info at the SAAC region's website: http://members.aol.com/SAACRegion/, or write: Common Gear, Box 33553, Stony Creek, CT 06405, CommonGear@aol.com.

25 (Florida): "Sun-N-Fun 99 VW Show", West Palm Beach, FL. indoors at the S. Florida Fairgrounds. For info call (561) 968-7808 or visit our website at http://home.att.net/~sb-ghia

August

14 (Ohio): 9th Annual VOLKSFEST sponsored by the Central Ohio Vintage Volkswagen Club. 10am to 4 pm at Watkins Memorial High School, Watkins Road, Pataskala, OH. 25 classes, trophies, swap. Admission: spectators $2, show cars, $7

September

3-6 (Missouri): "Busses By the Arch", a NEATO/LiMBO campout near St. Louis, MO. The cool new location will be at the Indian Creek "Group" Campground on Mark Twain Lake, a large U.S.Corp of Engineers public lake located about 30 miles west of Hannibal, MO. Send a S.A.S.E. to Buses by the Arch, 1514 Wild Goose Run, St. Charles, MO 63303.

11-12 (Arizona): "Jerome Jamboree", Jerome, AZ. Huge VW bus campout sponsored by the Arizona Bus Club. This year's Raffle Bus is a Double Cab. For more info contact Joe (602) 877-8960 or email jgbusbarn@aol.com

October

8 – 10 (Missouri) 6th Annual "VW Fest". NEW LOCATION, A VW Camping weekend at Graham Cave State Park near Danville, MO. We take a caravan to the Historic German town of Herman, MO for Octoberfest. This is a Missouri Micros, NEATO sponsored event. S.A.S.E. to VW Fest, 253 E. Booneslick Rd., Jonesburg, MO 63351 or e-mail missouri_micros@yahoo.com or call Rick 636-488-5256.

17 (Massachusetts): "Transporterfest", Larz Anderson Park, Brookline, MA. Join LiMBO and NEATO for the largest gathering of transporters in New England (over 60 buses/vans last year). $6 admission includes museum entry for driver and 1 passenger, dash plaque, raffle ticket, and a full day of busing at this 'primo' Boston-area location. For directions to the museum call (617)522-6547, for camping or other info, e-mail: stanagon@world.std.com.

Please note: This is not a complete listing of VW events. The emphasis is on NEATO or other bus club-sponsored events. Please contact sponsors for further information and to confirm dates/locations (changes can happen!).

Event organizers: Send notice of your plans early so Bus People worldwide can make their plans!

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Literature

'Split Screen' Transporter: Specifications, Modifications & Optional Extras, Edited by David Eccles & Alex Ellis. Technical and statistical information, including year by year changes, paint & trim codes, model numbers, production numbers, special models and optional extras. Profusely illustrated! $17 postpaid to NEATO members ($20 to non-members.)

Volkswagen Transporter Workshop Manual, 1963-1967, Type 2, by Volkswagen United States. Newly republished by Robert Bentley, Inc. Reprint of original repair information for all Type 2 models sold in USA and Canada. Comprehensive illustrations and procedures for routine maintenance, troubleshooting, repair and rebuilding. 918 pages, with 1,450 figures, illustrations and diagrams. Softcover, 8-3/8" x II". $79.95, plus $7. shipping/handling. (Canada airmail: add $13; overseas air-mail: add $45-otherwise, Manual will be sent surface mail.)

VW Transporter/Bus 1949-1967, by Walter Zeichner (English translation of original book). Covers origin and development of VW Transporter, with technical information, contemporary advertisements, etc. Many photos, 11 pages in color. Hard cover, 10 1/2" x 7 5/8". 96 pages. $19.95, plus $3.55 post/handling. (Canada, add $6.55 post/handling. Overseas, add $15.05 post/handling. Sent airmail.)

Volkswagen Bus/Camper/Van, 1954-1967. Articles on Microbus, Camper, Station Wagon, Devon Caravette, and others. 100 pages. Soft cover. $15.95, plus $3.50 shipping. (Canada, add $5.05 post/handling. Overseas, add $9.05 post/handling. Sent airmail.)

"VW-Transporter": A recent reprint of the first bus brochure published in Germany in 1950. 9 pages of black & white photos of the earliest Type 2's. $4 each, postpaid.

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For Sale or Trade: VW literature: Barndoor owner manual, July '53, 100% perfect. January '54 Bug owner manual, 95% perfect; May '54 industrial motor owner manual, 98% perfect. All manuals in Danish. Rhueri (250) 337-8357 pls lv message (British Columbia)

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For Sale: Tool to install hubcap clips/rivits $30; NOS hubcap clips & rivits $2/ea, $35/set of 20; NOS nosecone bushings for '67 & earlier buses $4 (I can rebush yours for $15); many reduction box parts-early & late; AM/FM Sapphire II 6v radios-various conditions; NOS Type 1 & 3 '67 only reverse light (1)-NOT the accessory one-p/n 111 941 072 $50; doors available in various conditions-call w/needs; new Hazet tools, current production, call w/needs-very good prices compared to list price! Many other NOS and used parts. I prefer to trade for things I need. Jon (505) 266-5546 (NM)

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For Sale: Splitty Bus Christmas Cards -12/$7 + $3 s&h. Splitty Bus Sunglasses - $6 + $2.50 s&h. Splitty Bus Cookie Jar--made in 1988, still in the original box. Yellow with brown top, only $40 including UPS shipping within the continental USA. A few Hot Wheels Buses left--yellow Jiffy Lube, blue Thunderbirds, white CD-rom - ONLY $28 each + $4.50 s&h. Everything on our list at $20% off for a limited time only. Send for our FREE 15 page catalog. When it's gone, it's gone. Melissa Jess, 3121 East Yucca Street, Phoenix, AZ 85028-2616 phone/fax (602) 867-7672 email vwstuff@uswest.net

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Wanted: Pre-1968 single cab. Mark (360) 736-8119 (WA)

Wanted: Dormobile camper bus. Buy or trade for beautiful 1975 poptop. Chadly (715) 552-7842 (WI)

Wanted: For my 1/55 Bus - Lever shocks + hardware, front and middle seat spring assemblies, and (ab)used owner's manual, call or email Everett at (602) 869-0834 or everettb@prodigy.net (AZ)

Wanted: Good used KPH speedo for my '53. Also an owner's manual. Dane (505) 439-8281 (NM)

Wanted: *For 1958 Deluxe:* NOS outside door handles, NOS screw terminal taillight buckets. *For 1966 Deluxe:* Rear seat jail bar and plastic end caps for the same, Grey carpet for walkthrough deluxe, NOS 62-71 tail light bezels. *For 1981 Vanagon Westy:* A combustion blower motor for a BA-6 gas heater. *Misc.:* Leroy Cannon motors in Greenville, South Carolina dealer tag frame, Wood slat roof rack uprights (6), Original safari window glass in good condition, 6 volt under dash record player. Neil Pickett 828-665-1650, npbusguy@aol.com 38 center street, Candler NC 28715

Wanted: 6v Blaupunkt radio (Wolfsburg model) for my '58 single cab, in working condition. This radio has the power box separate from the radio itself, and it's the power box that I really need. The label on my faulty power box says J0781/2 Gordon (734) 453-6245 or Recward@aol.com (MI)

Wanted: Middle seat for 1960 Double Door Standard Microbus. Full width middle seat with flip forward section on both sides for access to rear seat. Dave (770) 514-9159 or email deasterw@mindspring.com

Wanted: For 1960 Westfalia: 2 interior "clamshell" wall lights with fixture & lenses, rear wooden icebox, roofrack, tent & poles, aluminum tumblers & holders. Tim (913) 384-6250 or email timbo@microlink.net (KS)

Wanted: For 1962 bus: Serviceable engine lid and set of door locks. George (617) 876-0390 (MA)

Wanted: Tent for a '65 Westy, complete w/ poles. I would prefer green and white stripes to match my green and white bus, but any colour is okay. This tent is the one that attaches to the brackets on the roof and on the bumpers. I am also looking for the spice rack for the cargo door of my Westy. And a drivers door handle for my '53 standard microbus-it is a '53 and earlier only part as I want the key profile to match-the part number starts with '29-'. Clara, (360) 866-7240, e-mail: Claralw@aol.com

Wanted: For '65 Velvet Green Westy: nice Velvet green cargo doors, bus trip speedo, 5 lug sprint star rims 4 1/5" or 5 1/2" any condition, also center caps for 4 or 5 sprint star rims. and westy tents any years and extra tent poles. Don (703) 392-0251 (VA)

Wanted: Grey door panels for a '67 bus and seat frame for a '65 Ghia. Derek (806) 894-9901 (TX)

Wanted: Hey, Type II people! I need the aluminum rocker panel moldings for both sides of my 1967 Deluxe 21-window bus. Also a 1967 radio and face plate for my 1967 bus. And a 36hp single strap air cleaner, and multi-colored front hood badge for my 1954 Oval. Bob (973) 778-5343 4-8pm EST (NJ) or email: BobCropsey@aol.com

Wanted: Info on Westfalia trailers plus parts for 1969 Westfalia Essen II utility trailer, flip seat Westy parts, any early 1959-64 low milage Westfalia in unrestored original condition. Daniel (619) 660-7423 (CA)

Wanted: VW accessory called "Power Stik". Was sold by MTS Equipment Co. of Elkhart, Indiana in the early to mid-'60s. Steve (814) 669-4162 (PA)

Wanted: "Grubenschleifkorb": ambulance litter. This is an aluminum basket used for patient transport. It is simmilar in shape and function to a snow rescue litter. If you have one, but not for sale, I would appreciate pictures/measurements to assist in fabrication. Lyndon, (949) 645-6291 or e-mail: acmeplanes@aol.com

Wanted: Polished EMPI style 5 spoke rims, safari windows-used, aftermarket style is fine. Chadly (715) 552-7842 (WI)

Wanted: Original center caps for EMPI (styled steel) "Sprint Star" Wheels; need two in decent usable condition--don't have to be perfect. Pls. contact Steve Mierz, c/o House of Buggin', Box 3353, Stony Creek, CT 06405, e-mail: CommonGear@aol.com, web site: http://members.aol.com/CommonGear/

Orange County Transporter Organization Presents

The O.C.T.O. show "99"

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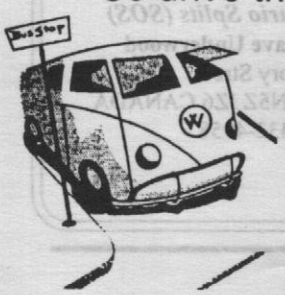
June 12,1999 • Saturday 7:00 A.M.

Its that time again! O.C.T.O. presents our pre-classic bus event. This is a swap & display meet for '67 and earlier Type II's. Located at Tejas Partners lot next to the Arrowhead Pond- Anaheim CA. Call 714-848-5955 for information. 'Til '67 Type II's will have preferred swap and display spaces. **Rain or Shine.** Don't miss Ed Economy's Toy Show after the meet at the Host Hotel, the Irvine Holiday Inn (562/860-1643) and the Gene Berg Rally Saturday Night (714/998-7500).

Sunday June 13,1999, the largest VW Show on Earth, The VW Classic (info: 714/544-1759 or vwclassic.com).

So drive the Transporter, not the Dodge!



TRANSPORTER GARDEN

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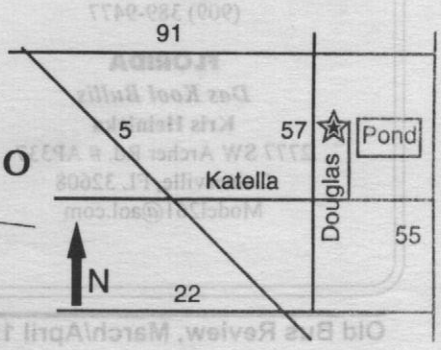

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